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1. The Povazske Engineering Works in Stara Tura, formerly Michera, is subordinate to the Povazske Strojarne in Povazske Bystrica.* The plant employs a total of between 650 and 700 workers including 35 office employees. The manager is Ing. Nerad, [redacted] This plant produces parts for water and gas meters, surgical instruments of various types, fishing reels and pocket lighters. The production of surgical instruments was taken over from Injecta in Kraslice and includes the manufacture of hypodermic syringes and needles, specula, probes, scalpels, dental and other surgical instruments. This department, which employs about 100 persons, is steadily increasing in importance. Most of the instruments are exported to the USSR.

2. The following production and management units of the Stara Tura plant

- 1) Main production shop This shop works one shift per day and is equipped with about 70 automatic machines for the production of gas meters and water meters. The testing shop is also located here. About 500 water and 250 to 300 gas meters are produced per shift.
- 2) Battery room Batteries are used to power the telephone central.
- 3) Rate-fixing office
- 4) Surgical instrument production shop A single-story shop, employs between 100 and 130 workers in one shift per day. Machinery includes 25 to 30 large presses not in use, but available for the production of cartridges to 17 mm in diameter in case of war. This production was undertaken during World War II and could be resumed within 24 hours.
- 5) Foundry Employs about 15 men in three shifts in the casting of gas and water meter housings and surgical instruments. Equipment includes four electric furnaces for handling aluminum and bronze and two spray casting

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- presses which operate at 200 atmospheres pressure and turn out between 4,000 and 5,000 castings per shift.
- 6) Nickel-plating shop Employs about ten men in the nickel-plating of surgical instruments and meter wheels.
 - 7) Polishing shop Employs about 60 men (sic) in two shifts.
 - 8) Tool shop Employs about 60 men in one shift in the manufacture of cutters, dies, molds and other tools for the use of the production departments of the plant. Machinery in this shop includes:
 - 20 pantographic lathes, the largest 4 m between tips
 - 3 surface grinders, accurate to 0.001 mm
 - 15 round grinders, accurate to 0.001 mm
 - 4 back-off lathes, operated in three shifts
 - 5 hydraulic presses
 - saws
 - precision multiple drill presses
 - crankshaft grinders
 - 9) Tool distribution shop
 - 10) Tinning shop Equipped with about eight electric furnaces; works in two shifts.
 - 11) Checking shop
 - 12) Heating plant Four automatic coal-fired boilers heat the factory buildings by hot air. There is a coal stock of about 40 to 50 carloads. Consumption during the winter averages about ten tons per day.
 - 13) Steel stock
 - 14) Gasoline storage Between 50 and 70 barrels of gasoline and oil.
 - 15) Gasoline pump Supplied from a concrete underground tank.
 - 16) Water well
 - 17) Fishing reel and pocket lighter production shop Employs 60 workers in three shifts in the production of automatic fishing reels at a rate of about 400 units per day and pocket lighters at a rate of 1,000 units per shift. Equipment of this department includes:
 - 15 automatic lathes
 - 15 semi-automatic lathes
 - drill presses
 - 18) Electric motor warehouse This warehouse is used for the storage of about 300 electric motors of between 0.5 and 5 HP which are used to power all the machinery of the factory.
 - 19) Raw material warehouse Includes about six carloads of bronze chips, 20 carloads of iron chips and four to five carloads of aluminum chips which are used in the manufacture of castings.
 - 20) Baths
 - 21) Offices Two-story building.

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- 22) Garages
- 23) Warehouse For semi-finished products.
- 24) Coat rooms and baths for men
- 25) Coat rooms and baths for women
- 26) Recreation hall .
- 27) Workers' quarters
- 28) Workers' quarters Five-story building under construction.
- 29) Workers' quarters Seven-story building under construction.

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Comment: this plant was believed to be an independent firm intended to become the main plant of a national corporation which would include the Goerz Optics Factory in Bratislava and other plants.

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